

**Charter Review Committee revised agenda for  
Tuesday, April 2, 2019, 6:30 p.m.  
City Hall Hearing Room 18  
210 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060**

- Approval of March 19, 2019, minutes
- Public comment
- Clarify purpose of Attachment 1-Related Laws
- Discuss and vote on four possible changes to:
  1. Section 2-2 (b) Powers and Duties: The president shall prepare the agenda for City Council meetings in consultation with the mayor **and city clerk**. (Remove phrase **and city clerk**.)
  2. Section 2-6 (c-iv) Rules of procedure: A full, accurate, up-to-date account of the proceedings of the City Council shall be maintained by the **city clerk** ... (Replace **city clerk** with **administrative assistant to the City Council** and add following sentence to end of this section: **The city clerk maintains archived records of the proceedings of the City Council.**)
  3. Section 2-10 (City Council confirmation of certain appointments): The City Council shall refer each name submitted to a standing committee of the council, which shall review each candidate for appointment and shall make a recommendation to the full City Council not **less than 7 nor** more than 45 days after the referral. (Remove phrase **less than 7 nor** and add **except during July and August** to the end of the sentence.)
  4. Section 5-2 Trustees Under the Will of Charles E. Forbes: Vacancies shall be filled **in a like manner as a city clerk vacancy**. (Replace **in a like manner as a city clerk vacancy** with **by unanimous vote of the remaining trustees for a temporary appointee to serve until the next municipal election.**)
- Discussion of issues raised by residents and city officials March 19:
  1. Replace mayor with city manager
  2. Remove mayor's veto power from Section 3-6
  3. Establish term limits for all elected positions
  4. Change terms for city councilors and School Committee members to three years and elect on a staggered schedule
  5. Create an appointed, independent ombudsperson who responds to citizen complaints
  6. Allow City Council to hire its own legal counsel
- Details of April 30 public forum on election issues
- Adjourn